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Let Us Not Sidestep Too Much

By Victor L. Berger.

Our readers know, there is no greater hater of the shallow, impotent phrase than the writer of these lines. There can be no more sincere believer in actual practical work and in social and political reforms of all kinds than the present writer. However, such reforms must be in line with the trend of the times, and must help the working class movement. And we are never to forget our aim, which is the emancipation of the proletariat.

And just now there is a tendency among some Socialists and trades union men to overestimate the value of such reforms as the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall. There is also a tendency among certain Socialists to make too much of woman suffrage.

Now, the initiative and the referendum are undoubtedly right, because both stand for political democracy.

The initiative means that a certain number of voters may unite to suggest and frame measures which must be submitted to all the citizens for adoption or rejection.

The referendum means that laws passed by legislative bodies must be submitted to all qualified voters for confirmation, if a certain percentage ask for such submission.

The right of recall gives the people power to ask officials to stand for a new election, when in the opinion of a certain percentage of the voters such officials are not doing their duty. This is practically the referendum applied to an officer.

All of these measures are democratic, Socialistic, and proper.

But neither the initiative nor the referendum, nor the right of recall, will work the wonders which some American Socialists and many honest bourgeois reformers expect of them.

In some western states they have had direct legislation as long as ten years, without effecting anything of great value.

They have direct legislation in Switzerland for over half a century. And the experience there is that the people, at one election after another, have rejected laws that would have been of the greatest benefit to them.

Of course, the great mass moves very slowly. And we all know that the primary election law in Wisconsin—which, in itself, is also a democratic measure—has so far only helped the rich, reactionary elements, not the progressives.

That is the fate of democracy.

And our reformers, and also those Socialists who lay so much stress on the referendum, should remember that when they have secured the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall—they are not a single step nearer the realization of their desires for a change.

They still have to convince the great, indolent mass of voters of the desirability of a change. Some of these voters are ignorant and can neither read nor write, others are venal to the core, and many of them still have all sorts of divergent class interests.

The real class-conscious proletariat is still in a minority, and liable to stay so for a time to come. It can only show results by fighting as a well organized compact mass.

But, the initiative, the referendum and the right of recall have a tendency to destroy parties and to loosen tightly knit political organizations.

Therefore, while the Socialist party stands for direct legislation as a democratic measure, we are well aware that the working class will be helped very little by getting it. We are well aware that the proletariat, before all things, must get more economic and political strength—more education and more wisdom. That, besides teaching co-operation, we must build political machines.

And direct legislation is not the shortest, it is the longest way, although the surest in the end.

This is even more so the case with woman suffrage. Of course, for woman suffrage it has been said—and said often—that a woman, being a rational human being and having the same "inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as man, has the natural right, in a democratic form of government, to help make the laws.

It has furthermore been pointed out that it is an insult to woman to heap upon her the indignity of a practical classification with minors, aliens, criminals, lunatics and idiots—and that the denial of the ballot is a violation of the principle of "no taxation without representation", especially since every day more women are getting to be economically independent.

And, finally, that women have a finer moral sense than men. Also that woman suffrage would soon wipe out the saloon evil. In Finland women cast 56 per cent of the vote, and one of the very first measures enacted by the new parliament, which was largely made up of women, was a statute of total prohibition.

However, some claim the suffrage for women as a "class". That is not a fact—women do not form a class in society.

And, when the suffrage is withheld from them, it is not as a class, but as a sex. And that is an important difference.

Because, to so withhold suffrage from women at this time does not imply that they are not to take an interest in politics or be of no influence in the course of affairs. Intelligent women have always exercised great political power. And it is hoped that the best of them in the coming critical time will exercise still more.

These best of women gain very little by getting the right to vote.

And, on the other hand, the question has been raised by some thinking Socialists whether the great mass of women today have the qualities that their vote would contribute to the welfare of the working class. And, especially, whether the women's vote would help the advance of humanity in the coming time of transition.

This is a question of fact on which Socialists may honestly differ.

We must bear in mind that this is not a question whether some women are or are not superior to some men.

Nor is it a question to inquire what has made women what they are. Or whether, under different economic conditions, and whether under Socialism they may not become something else than what they are now.

The question now is about the woman of the present time. It is not the question of what a few Socialist women or what the leaders in the bourgeois woman suffrage movement are. Their humbler sisters, after all, make up the great majority of the sex—and the question is: Will their vote help the working class?

Now, it is clear, and no one will deny, that the great majority of the women of the present day—and that is the only point we can view now—are illiberal, unprogressive and reactionary to a greater extent than the men of the same stratum of society.

It is also clear, and no one will deny, that the women are very much more under the influence of the church than the men. We had a shining example of this at the last school board election in Milwaukee, when the women of a certain sect came out in herds to vote against uncommonly able representatives of their own sex, because the priests ordered them to do so—while the men obeyed that order very much less.

Nor has woman suffrage helped progress in Colorado, Idaho or any of the western states one iota.

Finland is overwhelmingly Lutheran. The protestants in Russia

Here are some figures from Cincinnati:

Of 195 children (14 and 15 years old) who secured employment certificates from the superintendent of schools during the first twenty-two days of June, a majority had not completed the sixth grade of the public schools; only thirty-one had progressed as far as the eighth grade, and twenty-one were enrolled in the second, third and fourth grades.

A writer in *The Survey* says that these figures "hold not only for the 1,200 and 1,500 children who obtain employment certificates in Cincinnati in the course of the year, but also for those who go to work in most American cities. The majority of working children have only a smattering of the elements and no opportunity to increase their stock of knowledge."

This is a fine showing, truly. There is a free, popular education for the children of this country—free education with a string tied to it!

The schools are free, but the trouble is that the people are not.

Damnable indeed is the fact that free education is simply a mirage to thousands of the working class children, under capitalism.

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The Wisconsin State Board of Control has been forced to investigate alleged cruelty at the Green Bay state reformatory.

They found the usual cruel punishments that seem to cling to American prisons, the same as the

are very much oppressed by the czar and the orthodox church. There is no ecclesiastic influence against progress in Finland.

Now, if all this is correct—female suffrage, for generations to come, will simply mean the deliberate doubling of the strength of a certain church,—will mean a great addition to the forces of ignorance and reaction.

However, we have woman suffrage in our platform, and we should stand by it. Because, in the end, it will help to interest the other half of humanity in social and political affairs. And it will be of a great educational value on both women and men.

Nevertheless, it is asking a great deal of the proletariat when we are requested to delay the efficiency of our movement for generations on that account. And we surely ought not to lay such stress on this one point as to injure the progress of the general political and economic movement—the success of which is bound to help the women as much as the men.

Capitalist Assault on Citizenship

The California legislature has decided that it will cost eight thousand dollars in filing fees for a complete state ticket, and the supreme court held the law to be valid.

Advices from the national headquarters state that the Minnesota law, if necessary, will be carried into the supreme court of the United States. This law also requires the payment of money for candidates for office—supposed to be one of the guaranteed rights of American free citizenship. Contributions are asked for in the Minnesota case, \$66 having already been raised by donations from the various state organizations.

cheap, weedy coffee odor clings to the corridors of most political-run institutions.

In fact, it develops that it was the state board itself that on at least one occasion recommended the form of torture known as "the water cure". The superintendent, C. W. Bowron, said the work of discipline was in the hands of a man "of rare and excellent judgment".

It may be rare judgment to hang prisoners "on hooks" or place them in narrow, upright cages and keep them there in the agony of the standing strain on the muscles of their bodies.

Perhaps we lack the "rare judgment" to appreciate this "lingering but humorous" punishment!

The investigation was forced through the finding of a prisoner, who had been punished, dead in his cell. A coroner's jury charged the death to misusage.

The fact is that all these institu-

tions and especially the asylums for the insane need the light of publicity thrown into them.

Officially hushed-up crimes are committed in many of them on the theory that an inmate from the very fact of his being in such a place is entitled to no consideration.

The Chicago *Daily Socialist*, which has forced the Gingles case to trial, and the editors of which offered in vain damaging evidence against the city administration to States Attorney Wayman, has since been camping on the trail of the prosecuting attorney and showing the farcical nature of his efforts at hunting down disreputables with a pull. Wayman is already in a corner.

It develops that he owes his election to campaigning among the gamblers and that he has since managed to extend to them that handy sort of protection that consists of feeble prosecution, flimsy penalties and the dismissal of many of the suits, when there were actual arrests.

The other day a political boss named Loeffler died, and Wayman and Judge Brentano, the judge in the Gingles white slavery trial, were honorary pallbearers. Conveniently, during their absence, a long list of gambling indictments were disposed of, without a judge, several of them against a henchman of Wayman's named Mulhern.

Some of these indictments were for operating the illegal slot machines, and now it is shown that Wayman was the attorney for the slot machine people before being made public prosecutor, another evidence of how men are made white as snow merely by election, by whatever means, to an "honorable office." This kind of superstition "goes" with lots of people.

What the Chicago daily is seeking to get unraveled is the hideous white slave traffic and the official protection thereof. In the Gingles trial the matron of a large Chicago railroad depot testified that it was the practice to ask all girls who seemed in distress as to whether the white slavers had been trying to get them. "Is the white slave traffic so prevalent?" she was asked—and her answer of "yes" made a sensation.

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Labor Must Be Gregarious, Also

ASIDE from its feeling of interest and duty in the matter, the *HERALD* knows too well the value of advertising (keeping a proposition everlastingly before the public) to allow even a single week to pass by without in some way reminding its readers of The People's Realty Company and its project.

We may not always be able to say something bright and new, something that has not been said before, but in the course of time we hope to be able to present all the salient features in connection with the work of establishing a people's home and a labor house.

This week we desire to call the attention of trade unions to the desirability of having their business offices and meeting places in one central location.

We have not to go beyond our own city to see examples of this bringing together under one roof, or in one certain street, of businesses of the same or similar kinds. Look at "Commission House Row", "Printing House Corners" (an immense building is soon to be erected on the east side in which only printers will be taken as tenants), "New Insurance Building", "Railway Exchange", etc. Can we for a moment assume that the heads of these various businesses are not possessed of business acumen? Can we conclude that they have so bunched themselves together by accident or for any trivial reasons. By no means. They know full well that this grouping is advantageous, helpful, paying. There may at times be the keenest competition, the bitterest rivalry, between the component parts of these business groups, and yet there are many times when each one is glad to aid the other—and this is best and easiest done when in close proximity.

On every hand we see shining examples of the advantages of co-operation. The enemies of organized labor are everywhere, federated for co-operation, grouped together for the better fighting in what they consider to be for their best interests. Can labor's forces remain scattered all over the city and successfully cope with combinations grouped against them? With

the business offices of Milwaukee's trade unions grouped in one building, and the major portion of the organizations holding their regular meetings in the same building, there must come a better acquaintance, a closer affiliation, a greater knowledge of the needs and needs of each organization, and therefore a greater ability to be helpful to each other (and the more easily) because of this acquaintance. One of the greatest weaknesses in the organized labor movement of today is the lack of acquaintance of craftsmen of one kind with brother craftsmen in other lines. Ask any one of the business agents who have been located in the cramped quarters at 318 State street for the past two or three years if it has not been very helpful to him and his organization to have the business agents of other unions in the same building with him. Ask him if he has not often been easily able to do "the other fellow" a good turn because of this. Ask him if, on the other hand, "the other fellow" has not done him and his organization many similar good turns.

Think it over, Mr. Trade Unionist, and see if you do not arrive at the conclusion that labor's forces had best be centralized. But, to bring about this centralization, there is an advance work to be done. The capital stock shares of The People's Realty Company must be sold, money raised to pay for building the home by well paid union labor. These shares of capital stock could easily enough be placed with "business interests"—they already see that the project and proposition are good. But such is not the intention of the company. The building would never be a people's home and a labor house if the people did not own and control it; with business interests in control, things might go well for a time, but eventually labor and the people would find themselves without house and home. Not so if the workmen shall keep control. In order to control, labor must own the stock. A moderate amount of the \$15,000 capitalization is yet to be had—\$25 per share, within the reach of every union and of many individual union men. With a financial interest in the building, you will always feel that it is your building, and you

will always be on the lookout to see that it is well kept and filled with desirable tenants—and this will ensure dividends on your stock.

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The building to be erected is to be of three stories and a good, high basement, and is to be built of concrete and brick. It is to be modern in every way, and fireproof. Such a building is estimated to cost from \$35,000 to \$38,000. With the price of the lot, it will bring the cost of the total improvement up to about \$50,000.

Now, to finance the new undertaking, The People's Realty Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000, has been organized. Shares are \$25 each, and out of a total of 600 over 480 are sold. There are only about 100 more, which, while not actually signed for yet, are spoken for and will undoubtedly be called for shortly.

The purchase price of the lot was only \$12,500. With the stock fully subscribed and paid, the balance, \$22,500, can be applied toward the building. The money with which to build will be raised by mortgage. If we borrow \$35,000, it will give us about \$37,500 to spend for the erection and furnishing of the building. It is proposed to pay the mortgage in thirty yearly installments. At a rental of from 25 to 30 per cent less than what is charged for similar offices in this neighborhood, our income will be over \$7,000 per year. After all expenses are deducted and the annual payment on the mortgage is provided for, the net revenue will exceed 12 per cent on the capital stock. We are not promising 12 per cent dividends, but we are perfectly safe in saying that 6 per cent

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Comment on Passing Events.

By Frederic Heath

Capitalism takes part of the masses and degenerates them, then virtuously complains because they reproduce themselves. It calls them the multi—and perhaps it has a right to name its own product!

The Independent Labor Party (Social-Democratic) of England has been successfully organizing the working people of Ireland, both north and south. Socialism has at last taken firm hold of the little green isle.

Pat Crowe is also writing his autobiography.

Few people, perhaps, know that Crowe was once crushed in business as the proprietor of an independent butcher shop by the Cudahy meat octopus.

In the light of this fact, please note that it was the child of Cudahy that he kidnapped years afterward.

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Attorney-General Wickersham is one of J. P. Morgan's men, having been attorney for J. P. Morgan & Co. for many years. He is also a director in the Mexican International Railroad Co. and in the National Railway Co. of Mexico, in which corporations President Diaz owns 47 per cent of the stock. Of such men are our rulers at Washington.

How the capitalist system impels to honesty may be judged by the testimony of a chief inspector of weights and measures that New York people are getting short weights in most of their purchases, and that in that respect alone the metropolis loses \$10,000,000 a year. The Christians should not be so anxious to call this a Christian nation!

The minds of the people are expanding. New views and estimates are being reached. The day will come when not only militarism will be regarded as one of the shocking things of the barbarous past, but the so-called army discipline, under which a free human being surrenders all rights of life and liberty, will also be looked on as an assault on human rights.

The wage system was a step in the evolution of freedom, but only a step. Without trades unionism and labor associations the wage system would produce a state that would only be a fall from feudalism. There can be no social reform, nor complete justice, until there are no more hirelings in the world; until all become both the employers and the employed of the labor of society.

The Letter Carriers' association will establish a sanitarium, adjoining and somewhat like the Union Printers' home, at Colorado Springs. Many of the letter carriers are the victims of their form of occupation. They carry heavy loads with straps that cross and confine their chests, so that it more than offsets the benefit of the fresh air they breathe, and renders them liable to lung troubles.

The real haggard fact about it is that in many ways there is less liberty in a republic managed by capitalists than in a monarchy under royal rule.

In Germany, for instance, there is wider latitude for free speech and free press than in the boastful United States.

It may not be generally known that German illustrated political cartoon journals are censored before being allowed to go through the mails in this country.

Subscribers frequently receive the papers with articles actually cut out with a pair of scissors! What do you think of that?

The Socialists of this country have recently, through their national office, taken a census of their membership.

The result shows that 71 per cent of the Socialists are American born, 9 per cent German, 5 per cent Scandinavian, 4 per cent English, 2 per cent Finnish, 9 per cent of other nationalities. Sixty-two per cent of the membership canvassed belong to labor organizations, 17 per cent are farmers, 9 per cent commercial men, 5 per cent professional men. Thirty-five per cent were formerly Republicans in politics, 40 per cent Democrats, 15 per cent Populists, 6 per cent Independents, 4 per cent Prohibitionists.

Secretary of Navy Myers has been for sometime prosecuting an inquiry as to the spread of Socialism among the navy force and gathering facts as to the amount of Socialist literature being circulated

in that quarter. Here is an item that should engage his attention: The Socialists of Maine held a state field day at Oakland Park, Rockland, on July 5. The board of trade of Rockland had requested and secured from the navy department the visit of three battle ships for a counter attraction. The blue jackets having shore leave to attend the board of trade celebration virtually boycotted it and swarmed to the Socialist picnic, took part in the games and dances and listened with interest to the oratory by John W. Brown, National Organizer, Grace V. Silver and Robert Y. Hunter, member of the national committee for Maine. They took back to their ships great quantities of literature; some of which was given to them free and some of which they purchased. Altogether the middies were responsible for the financial success of the picnic and the state treasury has been increased by a tidy sum.

Much as Switzerland is ahead of others as a democratic nation, it is not perfect. Far from it.

It has plenty of capitalistic abuses.

And we now have the curious spectacle of the Catholic Conservatives and the Protestant parties making common cause with the Social-Democrats in an effort to force through a vote to give the voters proportional representation in the elections to the national council.

The Socialists have seven representatives there now, whereas their voting strength should entitle them to twenty.

The Social-Democrats alone have secured 100,000 signatures (only 60,000 are required in all) to initiate a vote on the subject of proportional representation, so that it will have to be submitted.

The Chicago Socialists have the capitalist government of the city, churned all to pieces with their exposures of administration-protected municipal corruption and lechery. How scandalously the police protect the white slavers was shown the other day when a letter from an inmate of a disorderly house led to her rescue from the den, in spite of an unwilling police department, and especially an Inspector Wheeler.

To prevent her being taken to the office of the Law and Order league, where her testimony against the slavers was wanted, the girl was rushed in a patrol to the Harrison street station, the protesting law and order officers and the Socialist reporters following.

At the station Detective Oakley turned her over to the matron with the unblinking remark, "These men wanted to take this girl to a flat with them."

When a further effort was made by the league to get the girl, Inspector Wheeler coolly informed the league officers that he had given the girl \$6 to leave town and that she was gone.

Talk of rotten police departments!

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The trend of the times is forcing the preachers to take a stand one way or the other on the social question.

The latest statement comes from the Rev. J. B. Goble, president of the Baptist Union of Victoria, Australia.

"Politically and socially the old order is changing," says Dr. Goble; "the toiler is calling out for juster conditions, and the voice of his cry has reached unto the heavens. Socialism is knocking at our doors and asking for the collective ownership of land and capital, with the avowed object of securing the enjoyment of equal rights for all. The forces that have produced the economic theory of Socialism will not be rolled back by quip or joke, or indiscriminate condemnation and abuse. The movement is advancing, and gathering impetus in its onward march. Socialists are not triflers. They are tremendously earnest. There are unquestionably false notes in their teachings, but in their hearts there is a passion for humanity. The proletariat is beginning to solve its own problems. We are looking for a day when wars shall cease; the workers are hastening that day; they are catching Christ's spirit of comradeship; and the hour will come when they will refuse to slay each other at the bidding of plutocrats, aristocrats or royalties. International prejudices and antipathies are fast fading in the ranks of the great brotherhood of toilers."

The Unemployed

I am the shifting sand beneath the walls
That build and call the State—*I am the Fear*
That haunts you in your boasting and your dreams;
Your dead youth's lost occasion! Yea, I am
The curse beneath the fabric of your dream!

I am the shifting sand beneath the State.
Your laws, your customs, creeds, I undermine.
I laugh at your conventions, meant to bind
Your Creeds! To me they purvey only lies.
So as ye build, I bury that ye build:
The walls ye rear upon me do decay.

I am the dream of Evil ye have dreamed:
The uncouth Hun, the Vandal, and the Goth;
The savage come again to leer, and laugh
Into forgetfulness the domes ye build.
Your learning, culture, visions—these shall fade,
And I shall pour your wisdom into pools
To sink, and fail, and so be lost to man.
I am the youngest anarchy of the world:
I neither love nor hate, I only leer,
A gibbering ghost of manhood, o'er your dreams.

I am your Brother, driven forth to die!
These are your cities, empires, and demesnes—
And these your doles—to toil—and still to toil!
To render unto Caesar, not the tithe,
But all that Caesar of his will bestow.
That in his wisdom "recompense" is writ—
The helot I, your brother equal born!

These are your cities; I will make them dust!
These are your empires; they shall disappear!
These your demesnes—Forgetfulness shall be
Of all ye said, or did, or hoped, or sung!

Ye did inherit much, but did take all.
So I shall ravish in its bloom your hope,
Shall make your boast of culture all a lie,
Shall make you know the emptiness of dreams!

Hear once again the word of him ye scorn!
I am that Ishmael ye have doomed to die;
I am the fair Occasions ye have flung
Aside as void of value and of life.
I am the Fear that haunts you in your halls,
And senates, and the temples of your God.
And as your systems crumble and decay
Heed well that I did tell you and now tell:
I am the shifting sand beneath the State!

—Hugh J. Hughes.

In a manifesto which he has issued he denounces both the Chinese and the Japanese governments for their tyranny and oppression.—Ex.

Time to Consider

The army of the unemployed is essential to capitalism. But it is also dangerous. Not dangerous merely in the sense of possible raids on the bakeshops, etc.—the police can attend to that. If the police are not big enough for the job—there's the militia and the regular army. It is easy to club or kill a starving man. A policeman or a militiaman is (usually) strong enough and always brave enough for that.

But in an army of the unemployed there are sure to be some who THINK. And the capitalist fears men who think. Men who think may learn his game of exploitation. There is nothing in the world so sure to destroy capitalism as an understanding of it. A jobless man, just this side of the bread line, is quite likely to reach a comprehension of capitalism. So the boss and his retainers divert attention from themselves by accusing the unemployed of all their own crimes and vices.

The problem of the unemployed never will be solved by the unemployed. You can't insure your life AFTER you are dead. So, Mr. Man With a Job, you had best get busy with the unemployed question NOW.—Ben Hanford.

The Biggest Man of '76

In the cause of liberty and humanity, he toiled bravely. The great profits that came to him from his writings he devoted to the cause of humanity with a profusion that left him at times in severe financial straits. Believing that he was engaged in the sacred war of humanity, Paine refused to make money out of his pamphlets or take what he considered to be the wages of a hireling. He actually donated the copyright of his pamphlet, "Common Sense," to America for the cause of Independence, likewise of his pamphlet, "The Crisis." In the words of Conway, "peace found Paine a penniless patriot, eating his crust contentedly when he might easily have had fifty thousand pounds in his pockets."—Hector McPherson.

Ruskin's Views

"Neither the roads nor the railroads of any nation should belong to any private persons. All means of public transit should be provided at public expense, by public determination, where such means are needed, and the public should be its shareholder. Neither road, nor railroad, nor canal should ever pay dividends to anybody. They should pay their working expenses, and no more. All dividends are simply a tax on the traveler, and the goods, levied by the persons to whom the road or canal belongs, for the right of passing over his property, and this right should at once be purchased by the nation and the original cost of the roadway—be it of gravel, iron, or adamant—at once defrayed by the nation, and then the whole work of the carriage of persons or goods done for ascertained prices, by salaried officers, as the carriage of letters is done now."—John Ruskin, 1868.

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Human Decline

In England 30 per cent of the population are living below the margin of proper nourishment. In Edinburgh 75 per cent of the school children have disorders due to underfeeding. In New York 70,000 school children go to school without sufficient breakfast. It is a fallacy due to political exigencies to suppose the American working-man fares sumptuously.

Physical betterment, which is the effort of nature and the result of increasing knowledge, is retreating today, among the poor of great cities, before unusual conditions. With the coming of better hygiene has cropped out a new enemy to health, the overcrowding and underfeeding of the poor in great cities.

No public school system of physical training is thorough. Every human body has latent possibilities. Physical betterment is already recognized as a financial asset.

Health is the best mentor; a sick, devitalized man is restlessly driven to all sorts of substitutes for strength—to drink, to pleasure, to passion—in fact, to any excitement that momentarily stimulates his energies. Health has no need of narcotics and will hold a man to a proper and reasonable manner of life. Length of life is directly fostered by physical culture. We have seventy times as many physicians as physical directors.—Painter and Decorator.

The Few vs. The Many

[From Prof. J. Allen Smith's book, "The Spirit of American Government"]

With the progress of the sciences and mechanical arts, man's power to control and utilize the forces and materials which nature has so bountifully provided has been enormously increased, and yet, much as has been accomplished in this field of human endeavor, there is reason to believe that the conquest of the material world has but just begun. The future may hold in store for us far greater achievements along this line than any the world has yet seen.

It is not surprising, then, that the masses should feel that they have received too little benefit from this marvelous material progress.

Democracy would raise government to the rank and dignity of a science by making it appeal to the reason instead of the fear and superstition of the people.

The old political order everywhere represented itself as superimposed on man from above, and thus, clothed with a sort of divine

sanction, it was exalted above the reach of criticism.

More and more man is coming to look upon government as a purely human agency which he may freely modify and adapt to his purposes.

In stripping it of the pretense of divine authority, it has in reality been placed upon a more enduring basis. In so far as it can no longer claim respect to which it is not entitled, we have a guarantee that it can not persistently disregard the welfare of the people.

Where every advantage that wealth and influence afford is enjoyed by the few and denied to the many, an essential condition of progress is lacking. Many of the ablest, best, and socially fittest are hopelessly handicapped by lack of opportunity, while their inferiors, equipped with every artificial advantage, easily defeat them in the competitive struggle.

The Lamp of the Soul

It is not because of his toils that I lament for the poor; we must all toil, or steal (howsoever we name our stealing), which is worse; no faithful workman finds his task a pastime. The poor is hungry and athirst; but for him also there is food and drink; he is heavy-laden and weary; but for him also the heavens send sleep, and of the deepest; in his smoky cribs, a clear, dewy heaven of rest envelops him, and fitful glimmers of cloudskirted dreams.

But what I do mourn over is, that the lamp of his soul should go out; that no ray of heavenly, or even of earthly knowledge, should visit him; but, only in the haggard darkness, like two spectres, Fear and Indignation.

Alas, while the body stands so broad and brawny, must the soul lie blinded, dwarfed, stupefied, almost annihilated! Alas, was this too a breath of God; bestowed in heaven, but on earth never to be unfolded!

That there should one man die ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times in a minute, as by some computations it does.—Carlyle.

Paper Towels for Schools

The problem of providing sanitary towels for school rooms, has been solved by the Montpelier, Vermont school board. The board furnishes individual paper towels. The cost is one and one-half cent a year for each pupil. This is less than the laundry bills for the roller towel.—Educational Press Bulletin.

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CHAPTER VIII.

INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION.

NOW, my friend, pull yourself together, and remember that you are a practical, hard-headed man. I want to ask you some questions.

Of a country where the idle men were rich, and the industrious men poor, where men were rewarded not for usefulness or goodness, but for successful selfishness, would you not say that its methods were unjust and that its government was bad?

But of a country where the workers got more than the idlers, and where useful and good men were honored and rewarded, would you not say that it was a just and well governed people?

You would. You would call that a false society where the good and useful suffered, while the bad and useless prospered. And you would call that a true society where every man enjoyed the fruits of his own labor, and where the best men were at the head of affairs. Well, John, we have seen that in this country the greatest share of the wealth goes to those who do relatively nothing to produce it; that industrious men are generally poor and rich men chiefly idle, the best and most useful men are not the best paid nor the best rewarded, and that very often the greatest enemies of society reap the most benefit from society's labor.

Now, what is the cause of this? How does it come to pass that Industry and Self-Sacrifice are often poor, and that Idleness and Selfishness are often rich? How comes it that laziness and greed reap honor and wealth, whilst poverty and contentment are the lot of diligence and zeal?

There are two causes of this injustice, John. The first is "prerogative" and the second is "competition".

The instrument by means of which our aristocrats wrest their riches out of the hands of the workers is "prerogative", or privilege. Outside of the robber's claim of privilege we come to the still greater realm of commerce. Here there is not much prerogative, but there is a more deadly thing—there is competition. Competition is the instrument by which, in the commercial world, one man possesses himself of the fruits of other men's labor.

In the world of commerce there are two chief classes—the employers and the employed. Both these classes are engaged in competition. One employer competes against another, and one worker competes against another. The result being that the workers always suffer. Let us, then, examine these two kinds of competition; and let us examine them as they affect:—

1. The middleman, or employer.
2. The producer, or worker.
3. The consumer, or user.

The rule of trade throughout the entire commercial world is that every seller shall obtain as much as he can for the thing he has to sell, and that every buyer shall give as little as the seller will take for the thing he has to buy.

Suppose I were cultivating a plot of land with a wooden spade and that with an iron spade I could do as much work in one hour as with a wooden spade I could do in two hours. The value of an iron spade to me would be the amount of labor saved until the spade was worn out.

Now, if there were only one iron spade to be bought, it would be worth my while to give for it almost the full amount of the advantage I should gain by its use.

That is to say, if with the iron spade I could raise 20 bushels of wheat in the year, and if with the wooden spade I could only raise 10 bushels of wheat in a year, and if the iron spade would last two years, then I could give 18 bushels of wheat for an iron spade and still gain a bushel a year. So the iron spade would be worth 18 bushels of wheat to me.

But now, suppose that instead of one iron spade there were a million of iron spades to sell. Would an iron spade be worth less to me? No. It would still do double the work of the wooden spade, and I could use only one iron spade at once. To the buyer the abundance or scarcity of an article makes no difference in its value. A thing bought is worth what it will bring.

On the other hand, what is the value of the spade to the man who makes it? Its value is regulated by the time spent upon making it. If in the time it takes the man to make a spade he could have raised 20 bushels of wheat, then the spade must be sold for 20 bushels of wheat,

Strife is Love

THE competitive system idolizes wealth, makes wealth the end of every human being, forces men to trample on every law of justice in the acquisition of fortune. But Christ condemned all this (Mark 10:17-25; and Luke 6:24). Therefore, Christ was a Socialist.

Christ, the prince of justice, taught that the laborer is worthy of his hire and, of course, should get all the wealth that he creates. But the laborer, as a social factor, creates all wealth. Therefore, according to Christ, the laborer as a whole, or society which represents all the factions of production, should own all the wealth. Both the Old and the New Testaments condemn such wealth as a danger. But Socialism takes the same view; therefore, Socialism harmonizes with the word of God.

Christ taught the brotherhood of man, and Socialism aims to establish the brotherhood of man. Therefore, Christ taught Socialism.

Competition means war, strife, hatred, etc. Socialism means peace, justice, love.

For 1,800 years, the church has been repeating the song of the angels when they proclaimed the birth of the Messiah and has represented the Nazarene as the God of Peace, and in his name Christian nations and people have gone forth to the field of carnage, with the sword, and spear, and battle-axe—and the earth has been stained with the blood of humanity. In the name of Christ battalions of legions have sung the Hymn of Mars, and the disciples of the Gallilean have blasphemed the Temple of Truth with the battle-cry of the War God.

This simple illustration is sufficient to show that Christians are not yet thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines of their Master.—Father McGrady.

or he had better give up making spades and stick to his land. But, if in the time it would take him to raise 20 bushels of wheat he can make ten spades, then to him each spade is worth only two bushels of wheat. That is to say, that to the seller the abundance of the thing he has to sell does make a difference in its value. A thing sold is worth what it has cost.

Now let us see in what relations this buyer and seller of spades stand to each other as just men, and as traders.

In justice, the day's work of the farmer should be sold for the day's work of the smith. So, if a smith can make ten spades whilst a farmer is raising 20 bushels, then the just price of spades is two bushels each. We are, for the purpose of illustration, taking it that the spade is hand made; whereas, in reality, today it is a factory product and turned out in quantities.

As traders, it will pay me to give 18 bushels of wheat for one hand made iron spade, since that spade will bring me 20 bushels extra.

Therefore, if there is only one smith, and he will not sell a spade for less than 18 bushels, I shall certainly pay that price.

Under these circumstances the smith will soon grow rich.

But there is my side of the bargain, as well as his. I may refuse to pay that price, knowing that he can only buy wheat from me.

In that case he must lower the price of his spades, or dig his own wheat.

In the end, we should probably come to a fair arrangement. But suppose there are two men growing wheat, and only one making spades. Then the two farmers are in competition, and the smith may raise the price of his spades.

Or, if there are two smiths and only one farmer, then the price of spades will fall. Why? Because it will pay the smith better to take three bushels for his spades than to grow wheat; therefore each smith will drop his price, so as to secure the order of the one farmer, down to the point where making spades ceases to pay better than growing wheat.

But now suppose that not only are there two smiths, and only one farmer, but that one farmer owns the whole of the land. Then the smiths are obliged to sell spades or starve, and they will farther drop their prices down to the lowest point at which they can manage to exist.

What does this mean? It means that in the commercial world, where prices are ruled by competition, buyers do not pay for an article the price it is worth to them, but only the price which the seller is in a position to demand.

Let us now consider the effect of competition amongst the workers. The worker has nothing to sell but his labor, and he must sell that to the middleman. Now, suppose a middleman wants a potato-patch dug up; and suppose there are two men out of work. Will the middleman pay one of the men a just price, and charge the labor to the consumer of the potatoes? No. He will ask the men what they will do it for, and give the work to the man who will do it for the lower price. Nor is that the end of the mischief. Say one man gets the work at 75 cents a day. The other man is still unemployed. He therefore goes to the middleman and offers to do the work for 50 cents a day. Then the other man is thrown out of work and must go in for 35 cents a day—or starve.

And so we see that competition amongst the workers reduces the worker's wages, and either increases the middleman's profits or lowers the price of potatoes.

It would pay the workers better to combine. Then they might force the middleman to pay one of them \$1.25 a day, which they could share. By this means, they would each have 62½ cents a day, whereas competition between them would result in one of them working for 35 cents a day and the other getting nothing. This is the idea of the trade unionist.

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"Practically every advanced student of medicine is prepared to admit that disease germs are innocuous or harmless to those who possess what might be termed a high degree of vital resistance. Such persons are classed as immune, and it has always been an unsolvable riddle to me why the germ-seeking scientists do not turn their attention to the study of the how and why of this immunity. They are seeking a method of in-

surging immunity against disease. Why do they devote so much time to the study of the minute details of disease itself, instead of learning something of the nature of the forces within the body which can render it practically immune from all disease?

"Disease is not an enemy! It is a friend! It comes as a means of bringing relief. It is an effort on the part of the body to right a wrong. It shows that the body is struggling for life and health, and on many occasions, if it were not for the diseases that come as a means of ridding the body of the vile accumulations of poisons, death would unquestionably ensue. Disease, therefore, in many cases actually saves life. To be sure, if there is but a small amount of foreign material in the circulation and tissues of the body, the attack of the disease will be slight in character."

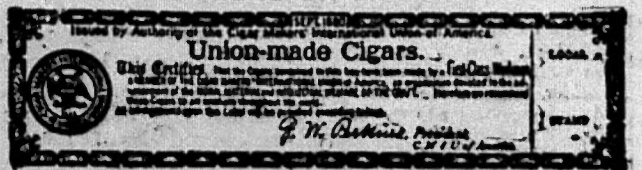
Chinese Socialist Journal Suppressed

During the last three years the Chinese revolutionists have been publishing, from their headquarters in Tokyo, a magazine entitled *Minpoa*. It has advocated nationalism and Socialism, and has obtained a big circulation in China, despite the efforts of the authorities to suppress it. Despairing of defeating its propaganda themselves, the Chinese government approached the Japanese government, and it is alleged, offered to grant the latter certain desired concessions on condition that *Minpoa* was suppressed. As a result, the twenty-seventh issue of the magazine was stopped by the Mikano's orders, and further issues are threatened with confiscation, should they contain revolutionary essays. Mr. B. L. Chang, the indomitable editor, is determined to continue the fight for Chinese liberty, however.

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Recent HERALD callers: G. R. Brandt, Dubuque, Ia.; Joseph Dobrovolsky, Chicago, Ill.; Edward Dness, Sheboygan, Wis.; A. Jelluk, Chicago, Ill.

The Socialists of Virginia held a very successful state convention on July 4, at Richmond; Alonzo H. Dennett of Ware Neck, being chosen as a candidate for governor.

Labor members of the British parliament, to the number of twenty-four, will pay a visit to the Socialist members of the German Reichstag immediately upon adjournment of parliament to outline a joint plan of campaign to block the war preparations of their several governments.

John Redmond, one of the leaders of the National party in the British parliament, in a public statement declares that no one need feel surprised at the rapid increase of Socialism in England, says the *Cleveland Citizen*, for "there is no part of the world where the contrasts between luxurious wealth

and miserable poverty are so marked as in England, and particularly in London." Mr. Redmond declares there is a great deal preached by Socialists that he does not endorse, but declares "there is no doubt whatever that as long as the present condition of things lasts in England, as long as wealth beyond the dreams of avarice is found side by side with abject want, there will be plenty of people in England found to embrace the doctrines of even the most extravagant of social reformers." In this connection it might be stated that a report comes to us from a reliable source that at the next general elections the Irish Nationalists in England may support the Labor party because of the consistent manner in which the Laborites have stood for home rule in Ireland.—Ex.

It is questionable if all the mechanical inventions yet made have lightened the day's toil of any human being.—John Stuart Mill.

"It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself."

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Thoughts Upon Mr. Carsten Boe

By Robert Hunter

THE other day I came across a financial advertisement of one Carsten Boe. He has adopted the Lawson method of broken advertising. He has written a full-page ad, two columns wide full of interesting assertion and puerile advice. The gentleman claims that the last panic was due to the decision of Judge Landis against the Standard Oil company. Retaining prosperity, if such there be, he asserts, is due to the Standard Oil victory in the higher courts. But he declares: "The citizens of this great nation owe to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, more than to any one man, the survival of this United States government today."

He intimates that the republic would have been destroyed and the government crushed had not Mr. Rockefeller won that legal victory. In his opinion, all great nations were built up by oligarchies and destroyed by democracies. He intimates that republican government will not be tolerated unless it submits absolutely to the will of the oligarchs. He warns the people against high wages, and asks Mr. Taft what he intends to do to curb the labor unions.

Mr. Carsten Boe is the type of loudmouthed self-advertiser who are letting the cat out of the bag. He is doubtless a second-rate stock broker trying to make himself appear a very important person. As a matter of fact, he probably knows nothing of the real views of our masters, or of their intentions regarding the ownership and control of our nation.

His words are significant of one thing only. He reflects the mind of the clubs, of Wall street, of the broking offices, and of other gangs of parasites and scoundrels who would feel warranted in throwing the nation into a monstrous civil war and running the streets with blood to prevent the collection of a \$29,000,000 fine.

He represents the most dangerous and vicious elements in this republic. He voices their gossip, and he knows that the masters of Wall street may at anytime call out the regulars and the militias, made up of poor men, to fight other poor men and destroy democracy.

He and his like would never shoulder a gun. They would still keep in their offices, fingering the ticker and speculating upon the finances of their country torn asunder by civil war. I never fear revolution when I go among the poor. They are as patient as the ages. They are loyal and patriotic. They ask only to serve. Only superhuman agitation will arouse them to protect even the most vital of their meagre rights.

But when I hear the gossip of the clubs, read in financial journals of the temper of Wall street, my blood runs cold.

How monstrously strange it is that the classes would bring this country to war in order to protect their graft and preserve their profits, dividends and privileges, while the masses would allow their republic to be destroyed, their rights taken from them, and even their children made slaves—rather than utter the revolutionary threats of this poor little tout of the stock market, Mr. Carsten Boe.

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Any thing that concerns the welfare of our great human family concerns its women most of all. We are half the race, we are mothers of the race. The degree of intelligence that enables us to spin and weave, bake and sew, design and create myriad forms of use and beauty, is too great for us to continue long as inferior, contented wage-slaves. The more intelligent the slave, the more discontented is he with slavery.

Every problem that confronts her brother worker confronts woman as well; every evil of capitalism from which he suffers she suffers, and others besides.

Every class has its own ethics, and thus capitalist ethics condemn every effort of man or woman that tends to overthrow capitalism.

It is the discontented woman who is asking the suffrage, and any justice to the people is a menace to capitalist profits and dividends, therefore to be resisted by that class.

There are five million women toiling in our industries in this country, four millions more than own homes of their own. Do you wonder some of us begin to notice? This, to say nothing of the mil-

lions of patient victims who are working as housewives at what would be about fifteen separate, specialized occupations, with crude tools and methods of four generations ago, instead of having at command all the wonderful forces of steam electricity and mechanical devices to make productive and effective their labors.

These are the women who are educating to political (collective) action. Their efforts are expended individually; they work alone in isolated kitchens, they do not come in direct contact with the wage slave. Then, too, they are affected by the many agencies of capitalism—employers to control their brains and keep them from acting in their own behalf, as school book trust books, editors, lecturers, and preachers, wrongly educated in privately endowed institutions of "learning," where the student's trust is betrayed and he is kept ignorant or is misinformed about the methods of capitalist confiscation of wealth through the ownership of the tools of production.

Women are learning rapidly new that the ethical forces are conditioned in their actual sphere of operation by the economic relations. That they cannot, by individual effort, protect and rear their children well—it requires collective effort to get proper hygienic conditions, education, wholesome food, pure water, and many other things. These matters of life and death are decided at the ballot box. As soon as women learn the truth, you will not find them supporting a legal institution that forces them to sell \$2,500 labor power for \$447. We have been hunting bargains too long for that.

A few sanction giving the ballot to women with property—sacred property—more sacred now than life. If a woman with property needs the ballot, how much more does it mean to the one with absolutely nothing but her labor power to depend upon, and how easy to

move on from such a precedent to disfranchising men without property.

Socialism offers to women every opportunity, political and industrial. Come; join the party, help fight the battles and achieve the victories of the social revolution.

We must learn how to act collectively to remove wrong, outgrown institutions and establish right ones.

Covet the honor of being the first women to join the local, or the latest one if you have been timid.

It is not enough to have good motives; we must learn to act wisely and efficiently, two people of equally good motives might visit a sick patient and one would administer carbolic acid instead of olive oil—the result would be as deadly as if the motive were vicious.

The Socialist party trains and educates its members to be efficient builders of the commonwealth; it offers you a priceless privilege; it needs you; we need you and you need us. Let us use and develop every power and faculty in defense of ourselves and the race we bring into the world.

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The Builders' Column

By Teddy

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We must now ask whether you will help keep the good things coming our way. If you don't, you know what will happen. If you do—well, then you will soon see Red Flags talking in the United States senate. Now, then, is your blood fast enough to bring your nerves to such working ability as will set this world in a turmoil?

That's putting it rather strong, comrades; but occasion demands it. You workers have never laid low nor taken a backward fall. The policy has been "push forward and upward." Will you stay on that path to the finish? It means a harder struggle if you once fall back, so do not hesitate just a moment. You have known no rest for some time. The welfare of your loved ones has been at stake, and your thoughts of them have put you on our long line. You will stay there, too, for their sake and that of the rest of the suppressed humanity.

Don't be a hasbeen, but keep on staying a comer. Send for samples of the HERALD and for a batch of sub. cards on credit. It isn't what you have done, or will do, but what you ARE doing just now, that will bring the results wanted. Where are the Socialist papers going to go if our own workers are not willing to help when help is needed? To smash—that's where they will go.

You will not let any such things happen, however, so long as life exists within you. To be on the safe side, comrades, don't let it come so far as will make it necessary to ask for that final quart which will save the day. Start right in and hustle for the HERALD, the one Socialist paper that is showing results for our working class. Wisconsin heads the list where Socialist officials are now doing things. If you work it to be continued, Wisconsin will start the revolution in the so-called "land of the free". As you want to see quick results somewhere, get busy now and push the HERALD sub. list.

"Making Good"
Following is what Comrade Richardson has to say about accomplishments of our Socialist members in the assembly:

"Find enclosed \$6.25, for which renew my own subscription to the HERALD and add the bunch of nine other farmers for one year each. A year ago these farmers would not take a Socialist paper; now I get them easily, thanks to our Socialist legislators."

Will we reap a harvest at the next election, at this rate? Well, I guess!

Comrade Meyer of Idaho certainly not let the HERALD sub. cards weight down his pockets in this warm weather. He made the bell ring seven times, and all in one day. That's going some! There was no spasmodic spell connected with it, either. Comrade Meyer has the habit of sending them in in bunches.

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for the first installment, I agree to pay the balance every three months thereafter as above enumerated. The subscriber is to receive four (4) per cent interest per year from date of payment in full of this subscription to and including December 31, 1910, and payable July 1, 1910, and January 1, 1911.

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A dainty little model is here portrayed, developed in white French balles. The long-waisted body portion is gathered into a yoke band of white flat lace; similar lace being used in three stripes down the front and back. The short skirt is gathered to this long-waisted body portion and trimmed with a band of the lace above the broad hem. The short sleeves are gathered into bands of the lace, finished with the edging, and the dress closed at the center-back. The pattern is in 4 sizes—1 to 8 years. For a child of 5 years the dress requires 3 1/2 yards of material 24 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards if 24 inches wide, 2 yards if 24 inches wide, or 2 1/2 yards if 24 inches wide, with 1/2 yard of wide insertion to trim 1/2 yard of narrow insertion and 1/2 yard of edging.

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STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND UNIONS ON THE LAKES

The big strike on the great lakes, in which the port of Milwaukee is interested almost as much as any other, still continues and grows in interest.

Milwaukee bay is filled with great steel boats out of commission for lack of crews and along the docks the vessel interests and the organization of the men watch each other warily, looking for chances to outwit each other.

About ten thousand men are concerned along the lakes.

Over two hundred big steamships, representing thirty millions of invested capital, are idle in the rivers and bays and at the docks, and those that are running are running with ruff and incompetent hands.

The struggle is teaching the lake-faring men the principle of labor solidarity, and also giving them time to think of the class struggle and of the necessity for the use of the ballot as a labor weapon—not cast for fawning politicians of the capitalist parties who cease to be friendly after election, but for workingmen on a straight-out workingmen's platform, with labor emancipation as the final aim.

The owners, dominated by the steel trust and the interests of its fleet, declare there is

"NOTHING TO ARBITRATE" and are pitting against the fighting loyalty of the strikers the crushing weight of massed-up wealth—coined out of the plundered working class.

The Lake Carriers' association is careful to insist that it is not seeking to lower wages. Of course not, that isn't what employers band together for—Oh, no! The main objection to labor union on the part of the capitalists is that they tend to increase the cost of the ware known as labor power. A fight for an open shop is the modern way of starting in to break the union.

And on the lakes the unions have raised wages—glory to them for that! Thirty dollars a month used to be good wages for firemen and wheelmen. As low as \$20 was

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Lessons from July 1st to 15th, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.
CAMDEN AV. Near North Ave.

Ship Owners Conspire to Drive Men to Lower Citizenship But Seamen are Holding Their Powerful Enemy at Bay. The Public With the Men

more frequently paid, and cooks and other lake employees in proportion. As a sailing man only works part of the year, the wages ought to take that in consideration. Deck hands used to get as low as \$12.

Not only that, but the owners had a thrifty habit of laying men off for days at a time when there were delays in port. Since 1900 the unions have improved these conditions.

Supervisors are Still in Deadlock

In the county board meeting Tuesday, Supervisor Sheehan presented a resolution to ascertain from the district attorney whether the county must pay the added interest on the purchase price of the new location for the house of correction, long field up by the Thomas J. Neacy injunction, or whether it could be charged against Neacy. Also as to whether damages could be recovered from the said Neacy.

The supervisors again balloted on a successor to Louis Manegold on the board of trustees for the county institutions. At the former meeting 110 ballots were taken. Forty-seven more ballots were taken Tuesday, without result. The last ballot stood: Whittall, S. D., 6; Manegold, R., 4; Schinz, D., 5; Jacobus, R., 1.

Bottle Blowers vs. Amalgamation

By a majority of 159, the Glass Bottle Blowers' association in convention Thursday decided not to consider amalgamation with the Flint Glass Workers' union until that organization has been placed in good standing by the American Federation of Labor. President Dennis A. Hayes delivered a forcible address, lasting for more than five hours, in opposition to amalgamation, and his position was endorsed by the final vote.

Marble Workers' Strike Ends
The marble workers have been out since July 1 demanding an increase of 50 cents per day. Tuesday morning a compromise offer was made by the employers and accepted by the union, the men returning to work at noon.

PABST PARK
Pabst park is more popular this year than ever, and the attractions are new. Among the new features along the pike are the New Laundry, and the Merry-Go, which may be specially mentioned. The great Carver show in the arena is creating a furore among the patrons; it has made good the advance notices. Dr. Carver's fine driving horses are marvelous, indeed; they leap down to a 12-foot pool of water from a

MILWAUKEE COUNTY—COUNTY COURT
In Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Friedrich Edward Kroenke, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Carl Kroenke, executor of the estate of Friedrich Edward Kroenke, deceased, representing among other things, that he has fully administered the said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing his account of his administration, and ordering the residue of the said estate according to law.
It is Ordered, that said petition be heard before this Court, at a regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of September, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be resolved on by the calendar.
Any party interested in said estate may file a copy of his objections and hearing be given to all persons interested by publication of a copy of this order for three consecutive weeks prior to the day fixed for hearing, once in each week, in the Social-Democratic Herald, a newspaper published in said county.
Dated this 15th day of July, 1909.
By the Court: FRANK GOTTSCHALK, Michael Elmer, Register of Probate, Attorney at Law.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE County, County Court—In Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Nels Kroenstad, deceased.
Letters of administration on the estate of Nels Kroenstad, late of the city of Milwaukee, in said county of Milwaukee, deceased, having been duly granted to Theo Kroenstad by this court.
It is ordered that the time from the date hereof until including the first Tuesday of January, A.D. 1910, be and the same is hereby set aside for the filing of all claims and demands against the said Nels Kroenstad, deceased, shall present their claims for examination and allowance.
It is further ordered that all claims and demands of all persons against the said Nels Kroenstad, deceased, will be examined and allowed before this court, at his court room, in the court house, in the city of Milwaukee, in said county, at the regular term thereof appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of April, 1910, and all creditors are hereby notified thereof.
It is further ordered that notice of the time and place at which said claims and demands will be examined and allowed as above, and of the time above limited for said creditors to present their claims and demands, be given by publishing a copy of this order and notice, for four consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the Social-Democratic Herald, a newspaper published in the county of Milwaukee, the first publication to be within fifteen days from the date hereof.
Dated this 15th day of June, 1909.
By the Court: JOHN C. KAREL, Michael Elmer, County Judge, Attorney for Estate.

STATE OF WISCONSIN—IN CIRCUIT COURT—Milwaukee County.
Luchada L. Hamilton, Plaintiff, vs. William Hamilton, Defendant.
The State of Wisconsin to the said Defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after the service of this summons upon you, in and of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.
P. O. Address: Room 21, Laps and Trust Building, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wis.
The complaint in this cause is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above named court.

CIRCUIT COURT—MILWAUKEE COUNTY.
Margaret Lammstein, Plaintiff, vs. Albert P. Bergerson and Annie Bergerson (his wife) Defendants.
The State of Wisconsin to the said Defendants, and each of them: You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after the service of this summons upon you, in and of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.
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BREAK DOWN THE UNIONS
and wages would be handled next. As one newspaper puts it: "The laborers employed by vessel interests are right in declining to be pitted one against the other in the matter of wages and conditions."

Around the offices of the lake men's unions there seems to be an air of increased

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY
—especially so far as the black-listing Welfare plan is concerned. While it is true a good many boats are running (after a fashion) it is also true that there are a good many idle.

In Milwaukee quite a number of the idle boats have anchored in the bay, partly to make room at the docks for other idle boats and partly in the hope of gradually getting together enough scabs beyond the reach of the union influence to ultimately get some of them under way.

A large fleet is tied up at Superior and the same is the case at

Business Agent Clark Gives a Clear Statement of the Struggle with the Big Capitalists

"We have won our fight," declares Business Agent Robert Clark of the Marine Firemen. "Our fight was waged over the so-called Welfare Plan, which we call a black list."

"The fight began at the opening of navigation in 1908. The Lake Carriers' Association took advantage of hard times and thought it a good time to put labor organizations out of business. They

DECLARED FOR THE OPEN SHOP.
"The unions wanted to see what

particular brand of open shop it was going to be. After thirty days the open shop developed into a LOCK-OUT against union men. Men were compelled to sign declarations and affidavits, pledging themselves not to belong to a labor union in order to get employment on the lakes. The officers of the union told the men to go ahead and sign anything in that regard. They did this after having legal advice that any affidavit made to get employment was without authority in law. Men taking the oath under

such circumstances could not be successfully prosecuted for perjury, for they had to get employment to eat."

"The Lake Carriers' Association kept up this discrimination for the entire season. The men were compelled to do things that were unpleasant, but they succeeded in

BREAKING THROUGH THE LOCK-OUT.
holding the organization together, and keeping their wages. The Carriers' Association used a code system like this that I show you.

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The Coopers' Strike

A strike of the Coopers' union is on at all the Milwaukee breweries except the Independent. The union demands higher wages, which the employers refuse.

On March 1, a four years' contract between the Coopers' union and the Milwaukee Brewers' association expired. The men, who have received 35 cents an hour, demanded an increase of 10 cents. This was refused, and conferences have been held each week since. The demand was decreased to 2 1/2 cents an hour. The coopers say that up to noon Tuesday they would have accepted this increase, but that now they will not return except at 40 cents an hour.

"We have about 180 men," says Secretary Zacharias. "The strike was called because the wages of coopers are lower in Milwaukee than in other cities. Fifteen years ago we were getting \$15 a week under an eight-hour day. Now we are getting \$16.80 a week, and under the rising prices of food and clothing, we do not think it just."

Originally, the association of the brewery owners was willing to grant an increase of 75 cents per week, but it is stated now that the brewery heads refuse to grant any increase whatsoever. They want the coopers to go back for the old wages until November, 1909, when the bosses are willing to enter into negotiations.

School Board Committees
The new president of the school board announced the committees for the following year this week. Our party members are as follows:
Finance—Heath.
Buildings—Raasch (chairman of committee), Mrs. Berger.
Course of Instruction and Text Books—Mrs. Berger.
Examinations and Appointments—Mrs. Whittall.
Rules—Heath.
Complaints—Mrs. Whittall.
Statutory Committee on School Sites and Plans—Raasch.

Milwaukee! Remember Tomorrow, SUNDAY, Social-Democratic Picnic at Pabst Park. Don't fail to attend.

Wisconsin State Organization

Carl D. Thompson, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee, Wis., state organizer; to whom news and other matters for this department should be sent.

Sheboygan Falls: The farmers Social-Democratic local just outside of Sheboygan Falls is continuing to do things. At the school meeting held a year ago, the Social-Democrats succeeded in getting free textbooks. At the school meeting held on the 6th of this month, they carried through a raise of the teacher's salary from \$30 to \$60 per month. A resolution was also passed requesting the school board to hire a first-class teacher with experience. Comrade Severin writes: "We shall have a well equipped school for the coming term. In most schools too much tax-saving is practiced and the school is thereby crippled. The comrades have prevented this so far as our school is concerned." Let Milwaukee learn from Sheboygan Falls! Comrade Severin adds: "I will say that we were well prepared for our school meeting, as we had brought up all questions for discussion at our last meeting of the local." Here is another pointer:

Bloomfield: Comrade Latimer held a good meeting in this town and organized an English speaking branch. The Lettish comrades of Lincoln county already have a branch in this locality, which conducts its business in the Lettish language. The new branch will do a good work among the Americans in this town.

Cleveland and Buffalo. Milwaukee has a good many, but nothing like some other ports.

The boats that are running are manned short-handed and with

INCOMPETENT MEN
—and this is contrary to law, but the inspectors seem to be easy.

It is reported that college boys are now being used as strike break-

THE "WELFARE" PLAN.
The "welfare" plan provides the sailors with some trumpery benefits, to hide its real purpose, which is to maintain a blacklist. Each sailor shipped is given a "Discharge Book," the ownership of which remains with the Lake Carriers' Association. The book is kept by the captain while the sailor is on duty, and the captain gives him a character in it, or can even refuse to return it if he is considered "undesirable" because a union man, or otherwise. Without a book, if the plan were to succeed, a sailor would have to quit the lakes.

ers, showing the incompetent making-up of some of the crews.

The strike-breakers—those who sicken of the job—are virtual pris-

oners, and the detained men often

leaving their clothes behind. Two Milwaukee boys under 17 years of age are practically "shanghaied" on the steamer Amazon. They were shipped under false representations about its being a union boat, and their mother, their lawful guardian, has tried in vain to get them back by intervention of the authorities.

The Lake Carriers' Association methods remind strongly of the press-gang man-catching of old, in fact.

As a result of incompetent men being employed to break the strike big lake steamers are practically

RUNNING CONTRARY TO LAW
a good deal of damage is being done. One of the great Soo locks has already been smashed and will be out of use all summer. Boilers on the big boats are being ruined—the steamer Kearsarge is now laid up having a third set of boilers put in for the season. The others were burned out by incompetent engineers.

Last week two big freighters

manned by incompetent men col-

lided on Lake Superior, and there was a great loss of life.

There is a good deal of complaint at the way the authorities try to help the boats. Instinctively some of the officers seem to feel that the side the wealth is on is the "law and order side." The strikers resent the evident desire of the police department to be of

SERVICE TO THE OWNERS
The owners, the Lake Carriers' association, employs the Riemer Detective Agency to work against the men, and its connection with the city police department may be guessed by the fact that for its night calls the Central Police station telephone is used, a fact which it puts in its advertisements. The proprietor, Riemer, is a son of Inspector Riemer of the city Police

department. The police department has officers along the docks and several plain clothes men at work.

Fifty Cent Deal Alleged
Two of the big freighters tied up in the river have been troubled over getting fresh water. Finally the captain of the Arthur H. Hawgood went to Mayor Rose. "That's all right," said Rose; "give me fifty cents and I'll have the fire department fix you out." The money was paid over, we are informed, and next day, June 11, Engine Company No. 10, stationed on lower Broadway, was ordered to the docks, and, by means of a long line of hose, the fire engine soon had the boat's tanks filled to the brim. On June 17 the same city fire company was ordered out and likewise filled the tanks of the Henry Coal-

by.



A Rollicking July Clean-Up of Men's Fashionable Summer Suits

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These four lots comprise the most representative assortments of men's superior ready-made suits ever brought to Milwaukee. The values named are our regular spring and early summer prices. Note the reductions. Two- and three-piece summer suits in serges, chevrons, worsteds and unfinished woolsens. Plain colors, new plaids and stripes. Every garment cut and tailored by journeymen experts. We price them as follows:

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WANTED—Orders for initiation typewritten letters, cannot be sold from the original. **CO-OPERATIVE PRINTERY**, 244 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

WANTED—Orders for "Socialism Made Plain," fourth edition. This office.

WANTED—Branches and other societies to purchase their "Star and Scepter" Social Cards, bearing the union label, from the original. **CO-OPERATIVE PRINTERY**, 244 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

FOR SALE—RECIPIENT BOOKS, 50¢ a book, with the union label, suitable for unions, branches, etc. Also each, 10¢ a book. **SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PUBL. CO.**, 241 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

WARRANTS ON THE TREASURER—For the use of Social-Democratic Branches; 100 warrants in a book for \$25. **SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PUBL. CO.**, 241 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

BRANCHES—We can now furnish you with 100 Orders on Treasurer, bound, with stamp, only 50¢. **CO-OPERATIVE PRINTERY**, 244 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE COUNTY, County Court—In Probate. In the matter of the estate of Wilhelmine Hehr, deceased.

LITIS testamentary on the estate of Wilhelmine Hehr, late of the city of Milwaukee, in said county, of Milwaukee, deceased, having been duly granted to J. M. Goetzinger by this Court.

It is ordered that the time from the date hereof until including the first Tuesday of February, A. D. 1910, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time within which all creditors of the said Wilhelmine Hehr, deceased, shall present their claims for examination and allowance.

It is further ordered that all claims for necessary funeral expenses, for the expenses of the last sickness of the decedent and for debts having a preference under the laws of the United States which are presented within sixty days hereafter be examined and allowed, by the said court, in the city of Milwaukee, in said county, at the regular term thereof appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1909, and all creditors are hereby notified thereof.

It is further ordered that all other claims and demands of all persons against the said Wilhelmine Hehr, deceased, be examined and allowed, by the said court, at its court-rooms in the city of Milwaukee, in said county, at the regular term thereof appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of April, 1910, and all creditors are hereby notified thereof.

It is further ordered that notice of the time and place at which said claims and demands shall be examined and allowed, as aforesaid, and of the time above limited for said creditors to present their claims and demands, be given, by publishing a copy of this order and notice, for four consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social-Democratic Herald," a newspaper published in the county of Milwaukee, the first publication to be within fifteen days from the date hereof.

Dated this 15th day of July, 1909.
By the Court: **PAUL B. CARPENTER**, County Judge.
R. E. L. NICHOL, Attorney for Petitioner.

Socialists in Action

Milwaukee: At the special session of the city council Monday evening, the question of the street railway franchises over new streets down town was not taken up for settlement, partly because the state railway commission had sprung a voluminous report of a secret investigation of street railway management in Milwaukee, covering

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Come Off Your Perch, Mr. Schutz!

Tax Commissioner Schutz has informed the daily press that he is unable to comply with the instructions of the common council to give the owners of River street property and the taxes they pay, because he has no record of the owners' names.

Yet here is the law:

Section 3. Said tax commissioner shall have an office, which shall be kept open during the usual business hours of each business day during the term of his office; and shall, in suitable books provided for the purpose, keep a record of all lots, blocks, fractional lots, or parcels of land contained in said city, with the assessed value of each in separate columns, together with the assessed value of the improvements thereon, AND THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF EACH and the street and number of his residence, as far as possible, during each and every year of the term of his office.—Milwaukee City Charter, Chapter 18.

Is Mr. Schutz disobeying the law and failing to keep a record of the owners' names, or is he testifying falsely and simply withholding information which his books show?

The little tradesman or home-owner gets no consideration from the tax office. Why should Tax-Dodgers?

The Sad Fate of the Dells

(Continued from page 6.)

much easier to row a boat up stream, which will increase the boating considerably. The large sand-bars above the Dells being submerged—you can reach "stand rock" by water and also the "big Dells" beyond without annoyance of shallow water, etc.

True, the surface area of water is greater, although it still lacks eight feet of rising to its calculated

Town Topics by the Town Crier

Coroner Luehring wants a salary raise. Why not apply to the street railway company?

That smashup of colliding ears at Third and Grand, Wednesday evening, would have been practically impossible had the cars been equipped with air-brakes.

There has been something wrong with the reports printed in Milwaukee of the Gingles trial, compared with the verbatim portions of the testimony in the Chicago Daily Socialist. Whoever has been sending the reports has been trying to serve the prosecution.

Now they are saying that there were no fire escapes on the big Kieckhefer box factory that burned down under Clancy's hands the

several months, and partly because the aldermen had failed to receive the journal of the former session in time. The subject of licenses engaged the city fathers, instead of franchises, and among other things they did was to refuse a license to Max Freudenberg, who had formerly conducted a girl-trap, but who had been operating since under a license taken out by another. There was no charge against his present place, but his old record carried the day against him. Incidentally, "Spiesburger" alderman, got into a tilt with Ald. Seidel and burned his fingers, much to the amusement of all present, except Fass himself. Several street railway franchise amendments were put in—one that other lines be permitted on the routes in question, another that no more exclusive franchises be granted—was there ever a more marked confession of Social-Democratic public sentiment? More and more, the capitalist parties are forced to yield to our position on public matters.

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Help It Vanish!

Let the state campaign deficit be destroyed! Branch 17 of Milwaukee, having made a grand success of its picnic at Huelbeck's grove, has donated \$10 toward wiping out

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Deputy sheriffs are selling circus tickets on county time.

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Under the Hammer

IF THE CARPENTERS COULD BEGIN

their remodeling and refitting of our establishment in an empty store on the first of August, we would be delighted, as this would make it possible for them to work faster and give you the opportunity for full purchases at eye-opening prices that much sooner. However, this is impossible, but we are going to make it as near possible as low prices for big values will permit under the "hammer of progressive energy" for the balance of the month of July. Our sale has proven that both goods and prices can be right and has opened the eyes of the purchasing public that this store is the place to trade. Read the items in today's advertisement carefully; they will be sure to "hammer home the truth" of your needs and the proper place to get them satisfied.

Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, Under the Hammer..... **\$1.15**

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Milwaukee Co. Organization

Address all communications to E. T. Melus, County Organizer, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee.

Comrade Robert Hunter will deliver his address at our state Social-Democratic picnic next Sunday afternoon, at Pabst park, from the bandstand, at 3 o'clock, sharp.

The Polish Section has arranged for a picnic to be held at Hauerwas' grove, corner of Eighth and Manitoba avenues, Sunday, July 25. The price of admission to the grove will be 15 cents; ladies admitted free. A Polish speaker from Chicago by the name of Comrade Kockanowicz will deliver an address during the afternoon. The profits of this picnic will be credited to the fund now being raised for the issuing of a Polish paper and for the educational work of the section. Beech's orchestra will furnish the music. Comrades are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, the South Side Männerchor Aurora will hold its annual basket picnic at Teske's grove. In order to reach this grove, take a Greenfield-West Allis car to Hawley road and get off at Fifty-second avenue, from where it is about ten minutes' walk to the grove. The Aurora Singing Society promises a good time to everyone who can make it possible to attend. All the comrades, especially members of the various Socialist singing societies, are cordially invited to attend.

The Croatian Socialist Singing Society Jednakost has promised to deliver several selections Sunday afternoon at the big picnic. The other Socialist singing societies—Socialist Männerchor Aurora and Vorwärts—will also participate with selections. The Hungarian and Croatian organ-

izations of the Social-Democratic party have made arrangements for a wine harvest and ball, Sunday, Sept. 26, at Fraie Gemeinde hall, 264 Fourth street. The program for the afternoon entertainment will be published later in these columns.

The Croatian Singing Society has made arrangements for a big picnic Sunday, Aug. 15, at Berninger's park, which is located at South Pierce street and Twenty-sixth avenue. All the comrades are cordially invited to attend. Admission 10 cents; ladies and children free. Tickets for sale at the Social-Democratic headquarters, 344 Sixth street.

The members of the Hungarian branch are preparing to arrange for a mass meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, July 25, at Cudahy. A good speaker in Hungarian and German will address the meeting. For further information, see these columns next week.

Sunday, July 25, will be Young People's Socialist League day at the Social-Democratic baseball park, and a large number of young people who are either directly or indirectly interested in the work of the Young People's Socialist League of Milwaukee are expected to attend the game played at the park on that date.

A town of Lake Branch No. 3 held a very successful basket picnic at Huelbeck's grove last Sunday afternoon.

The Twenty-third ward branch is making final arrangements for its monster basket picnic to be held at Teske's grove, corner of Fifty-second avenue and Hawley road, Sunday,

Aug. 1. A large number of prizes will be distributed among the children, and there will be games for both children and adults during the afternoon.

Following are the picnics so far arranged for:

July 18—Monster State Social-Democratic party picnic, Pabst park, July 25—Fifth and Eighth ward branches, Teske's grove, Fifty-second and Hawley road. Take West Allis car to Fifty-second avenue.

Aug. 1—Twenty-third ward branch, basket picnic, Teske's grove, corner Fifty-second avenue and Hawley road. Take West Allis car to Fifty-second avenue.

Aug. 8—Sixth, Thirteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first ward branches, Jones' grove, Green Bay avenue. Take Milwaukee Northern car to Highway No. 1, then walk three blocks east.

Aug. 15—Croatian Socialist Singing Society, Berninger's park, at South Pierce street and Twenty-sixth avenue.

Aug. 22—Twelfth ward branch, Huelbeck's grove, foot of Howell avenue car line.

Aug. 28—Ninth, Tenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second ward branches, general picnic, Pabst park, Saturday afternoon and evening.

The branches are urgently requested to send in the date of their respective ward picnics, together with the places where they are to be held, so that we may advertise them in this column. Send all party news for this column to E. T. Melus, county organizer, 344 Sixth street.

Milwaukee! Remember Tomorrow, SUNDAY, Social-Democratic Picnic at Pabst Park. Don't fail to attend.

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Sunday, July 18

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ROBERT HUNTER

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The Struggle Between Capitalism and the Unions on the Great Lakes

(Continued from page 8.)

"The season of 1908 closed with the unions stronger in membership than they had been the previous year, but during the season of 1908 the Lake Carriers' Association had been studying up the old

BRITISH SHIPPING FEDERATION SYSTEM

of England. They copied and changed the system and called it the Welfare Plan, with a system of so-called benefits attached. They got up the Lake Carriers' discharge book, a book that was issued to

Taken from the Code

X—Non-union.
—Union.
XII—Non-union, fair in ability.
N. M.—New man.
S. W. M.—Salt water man.

each man employed and which had to be deposited with the captain of the boat he sailed on. The man was also given an able seaman card, which he retained. With this book system it was in the power of the captain or owners to retain the book if the man did not suit them, thus practically

BLACKLISTING HIM ON THE LAKES.

The English system is mild compared with this.

"This year the fight started at the opening of the navigation in March. The engineers were first involved, for they refused to sign open shop contracts. And the firemen would not work with an engineer who did sign—he could not do it and preserve his manhood and freedom.

"The fight has been a hot one and now at the middle of July we consider that it has been won, and are positive we

HAVE THE WELFARE PLAN BEATEN.

Many of the non-union men even on the boats tell us that they will not submit to it.

"The firemen have a membership of 4,782 men, and I do not believe that 25 out of them have deserted. In fact, our union has fared better than some of the others.

"The local situation is good. The last time we counted the boats at this port there were 46 big bulk freighters tied up. There are at

To Non-Union Seamen Aboard Ship

Wheelmen, Watchmen, Deckhands, Marine Firemen and Cooks Are ON STRIKE

to secure decent working hours, to keep up wages and to abolish the notoriously unfair continuous discharge book system which the Lake Carriers' Association is endeavoring to force upon us.

We are asserting the right of seamen to associate with each other in a union, the right to be members of a labor organization, to stick together, so that conditions aboard ship may be made better. Ship-owners deny us this right.

Do you want to see wages drop to the old level of less than \$1.00 per day for wheelmen, firemen, watchmen, oilers, etc., and less than 50c per day for deckhands? Such were the wages before the union was organized.

When you take the places of seamen who are on strike, YOU ARE HELPING THE WEALTHY CORPORATIONS who are trying to bring back the old miserable conditions that existed on the lakes a few years ago; you are helping the shipowners in their attempt to enforce a discharge book system that is the most merciless blacklisting scheme ever conceived, BY WHICH THE VESSEL OWNERS HOPE TO TAKE AWAY FROM SEAMEN ALL POWER OF SELF-HELP.

If workmen do not help each other, how can decent conditions be maintained? Why do YOU not stand by the seamen in this strike? Surely, YOU, who are workmen like ourselves, ought to be with us in this struggle. THINK IT OVER.

Don't Be a Strike-Breaker

There is no law to stop you from leaving the ship. SEAMEN'S UNION.

engineers, with a membership of 153 has only lost 14 members since the opening of navigation, and this in spite of the tremendous efforts used to get them to desert, in one case as high as \$400 a month being offered.

ONLY A FEW DESERTERS.

On the lakes only 300 men have deserted out of a total of 2,700. The few engineers that the boats have secured from all sorts of sources have been largely incompetent men.

The Engineers have a total membership on the coasts, lakes and rivers of the United States of 11,000.

The steamers on the lakes are made up of both bulk freight and package freight craft. Quite a number of the package line boats are fair to the union and are running all night. The unfair boats are of the Soo, Erie and Northern lines, with a total of some twenty boats. Of the bulk ore and freight boats a large number are idle, although badly needed to carry ore.

The Lake Carriers' Association, which is making the fight on the union, controls some 400 boats, of which 125 are idle, and 270 running as best as they can under unfair conditions.

The Engineers' trouble began when the Lake Carriers sought to get an

OPEN SHOP AGREEMENT

with them. The contract submitted contained this clause: "As we have decided on the policy of the open shop, you will be expected to, and by your acceptance hereof, will agree to fully co-operate in this policy, and in keeping off from the ship any representative of other interests than the ship and owner, etc. Falling in this the owners sought individual contracts in which the open shop clause was omitted.

It is claimed that the Steel Trust forced the other boat owners to embark on the union smashing campaign by threats that they would otherwise get no ore to carry. The engineers are fighting for their union, and opposing the British membership book system, which has been introduced, and which is described elsewhere.

Business Agent Huehns Says:

"The seamen are standing fine—only a few have gone astray," is the declaration of Business Agent Fred Huehns of the Lake Seamen's union. "All we ask is a fair deal from the authorities, such as we are getting in Erie and one or two other ports. It doesn't look nice to see a city-paid police officer with his coat off working for a boat and hauling on its line, when he is supposed to keep neutral. We are trying to stay within the law, and we

ASK A SQUARE DEAL.

"The strike is a disastrous one for the owners. In Cleveland it is claimed that it is costing them over \$2,000 a month to feed the scabs that they are keeping on hand, and in one week 150 of them deserted. In Conneaut 167 men left during the week ending June 27. The men

on the boats are practically kept prisoners, to keep them away from our influence and appeals. Some manage to escape in the night. "The lake carriers are making frantic efforts to get men. They advertise in all the papers, and they even

SENT FALSE REPORTS

down to the Atlantic coast about the strike being settled—only we spoiled the game with dodgers. They ship foreigners who are ignorant of the fact that there is a strike. We got some Poles off the Tonawanda who were of this class. They now have land work here in the city.

"The big fight has now been on for over two months. The men are sticking like glue, and many of them are supplied with work on shore. We have a membership on the lakes of 5,000 men; of these, 2,000 are sailing on fair boats."

Some Tactics of the Owners

"BILKING" THE MEN.

The methods of the Lake Carriers appear low and miserable. Swindling men out of their full wages is one of the little tricks. The Steamer Chili recently reached the port of Milwaukee and the men were paid off at the rate of \$27.50. They had been promised \$30. A young man on the Steamer Squires, who shipped at Manitowish and made a trip on the lower lakes, still

WHISTLES FOR HIS PAY.

although he shipped through the office of the Lake Carriers' association, we are informed. These are sample cases. Here is another: We have before us the affidavit of John Wyszynski, who, "first being duly sworn, says" that on the 15th of June he shipped through the Lake Carriers' association as fireman on the Steamer William M. Mills, the shipping master promising him \$50 a month. He went on the boat to Buffalo and to Lake Erie ports and then arrived in Milwaukee June 28, at which time he announced his determination to quit. He says the second mate

THREATENED TO BRAIN HIM with the clutch-bar, in an effort to detain him. He told the mate that he was an American citizen and that this was a free country, and he served the right to work or quit when he desired. After repeated threatening by the mate, he was sent to the captain for his wages. The captain ignored the under-

standing as to wages and would pay him only at the rate of 75 cents a day, and that is all he could get.

He says the Mills was manned by a crowd of incompetent men, five of the six deckhands being unable to speak English, and that he had to serve in several capacities, although shipping as a fireman.

THE CASE OF HARTLEY.

It appears that the Hartley Employment agency of Milwaukee is helping to "investigate" greenhorns into service as strike-breakers. Hartley was charging \$1 for shipping men for the Lake Carriers' association, but ran up against a snag when the unions got after him. Now, the law forbids any employment agency to charge men for jobs aboard a boat, for obvious reasons. So the United States commissioner was informed as to Hartley, while two men were sent to get evidence. The case came before the recent federal grand jury—which, being made up of such juries usually are, let Hartley off on the astonishing plea that he

WAS IGNORANT OF THE LAW and that "a trap was set for him". Thus Hartley escaped a possible \$500 fine. Did a workingman ever get such consideration? Thus encouraged, he is back again, but this time he does not charge the dollar as a fee, only for "office expenses". The law is like water on a duck's back when the authorities sympathize with the lawbreaker!

LOOK, WHAT'S HERE!!

Next Sunday Morning will be

State Social-Democratic Day

At the SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC BASE BALL LEAGUE PARK
Howell & Russell Aves., South Side

Comrade Robert Hunter of New York

Our Speaker for the afternoon at Pabst Park will attend the games

Two Games for One Admission of 15c

Games Called as follows:

9 a. m., COMING NATIONS vs. 21st WARD
10:30 a. m., 20th WARD vs. 17th WARD

Now, Comrades, Let's All Turn Out and Bring Our Friends

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Agent Bridges Speaks for Engineers

William Bridges, business agent of the Marine Engineers in Milwaukee, does not minimize the stubbornness of the struggle, but says the men are showing great staying powers and have already

The Milwaukee local of the En-